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THE MAN ELLEN DREW HAD MARRIED WAS DEAD... BUT WHO WAS THIS STRANGER WHO HELD HER IN HIS ARMS AND CALLED HER BY ANOTHER WOMAN'S NAME? WAS SHE MARY CARTWRIGHT? AND WHERE WAS THE DIVIDING LINE BETWEEN REALITY AND NIGHTMARE ON THIS...
HONEYMOON OF HORROR
SLEEP, MY BEAUTY! SLEEP... SLEEP...
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IT WAS IN THE BLEAK ENGLISH MOORLANDS, SHROUDED IN MIST--THAT ELLEN DREW'S NIGHTMARE BEGAN...
WHY, YOU'RE TREMBLING, ELLEN! BUT I JUST WANT TO KISS YOU!
AFTER ALL, WE ARE ON OUR HONEYMOON...
DAVID, DON'T! THAT MAN --HE'S WATCHING US!

I FELT SOMEONE WATCHING ME WHILE WE HAD DINNER AT THE INN! DAVID, LET'S LEAVE!
BUT WE WERE GOING TO SPEND THE NIGHT HERE! AND IT'S A GOOD HOUR'S DRIVE TO THE NEXT TOWN!

IT WASN'T A NIGHTMARE, AT THE BEGINNING. IT WAS A FOREBODING, A DARK GLIMPSE OF THE UNKNOWN. BUT TO ELLEN DREW, IT WAS TERRIFYING...

I'M FRIGHTENED, DAVID! I DON'T WANT TO STAY HERE!
SAY, YOU REALLY ARE FRIGHTENED! EASY, ELLEN, EASY! OF COURSE WE'LL GO ON, IF YOU WANT TO!
BUT FIRST YOU NEED CALMING DOWN, MRS. DREW...

NO, IT WASN'T A NIGHTMARE—THEN DAVID DREW SMILED AND KISSED HIS BRIDE AND IN HIS KISS SHE FORGOT HER FEARS. BUT THEY WERE TO RETURN ONLY A LITTLE LATER...
DAVID— THAT CAR! IT'S BEEN RIGHT BEHIND US EVER SINCE WE LEFT THE INN!
I DON'T KNOW-- AND I DON'T LIKE IT, THIS BLASTED FOG! IF I COULD ONLY SEE!
BUT, WHY WOULD ANYONE FOLLOW US?
HANG ON! MAYBE I CAN OUTRUN THEM!
IT HAPPENED SUDDENLY... DAVID DREW STEPPED HARD ON THE ACCELERATOR AND THEN IT WAS TOO LATE...
DAVID, THERE'S A CURVE! LOOK OUT! LOOK...
A CRASH — AND SILENCE... THE SILENCE OF DEATH. IT HUNG HEAVY ON THE WET AIR... FOR AN HOUR, TWO, UNTIL A CRUMPLED FIGURE STIRRED...
DAVID... WHERE...?
DAVID!
SOMEHOW, ELLEN DREW DRAGGED HERSELF TO THAT BROKEN BODY, TOUCHED THE LIFELESS HAND THAT HAD CARESSED HER SUCH A LITTLE WHILE BEFORE...
NO! OH, NO, NO, NO...
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THE FOG, THE COLD, CLINGING MUD... BLACKNESS WASHED OVER HER, WIPING AGONY FROM HER HEART—FOR A WHILE...
SHE'S COMING OUT OF IT, BUT SHE'S STILL IN SHOCK. YOU CAN TALK TO HER NOW— BUT ONLY BRIEFLY, SERGEANT.
ALL RIGHT, DOCTOR.
MRS. DREW? I'M DETECTIVE SERGEANT WHITE. AND THIS IS DOCTOR WINTER. CAN YOU UNDERSTAND ME?
DAVID! MY HUSBAND! HE WAS HURT! WHERE'S DAVID?
MRS. DREW, YOU'RE IN THE BLUE BOAR INN. WE BROUGHT YOU HERE AFTER THE ACCIDENT. IF YOU'LL BE CALM I'LL TRY TO TELL YOU WHAT HAPPENED...
ELLEN DREW KNEW WHAT HAD HAPPENED, BUT THE HORROR OF IT WAS TOO MUCH. SHE LISTENED, NOT REALLY COMPREHENDING...
DEAD? DAVID IS DEAD?
I WISH I COULD MAKE THIS EASIER FOR YOU. YOU'VE BEEN IN A COMA FOR A WEEK. WE BURIED HIM DAYS AGO...
ELLEN DREW'S LIPS WORKED, BUT NO SOUND EMERGED. HER HUSBAND, HER LOVE—DEAD? SHE FELL BACK MOANING...
I'LL GIVE HER SOMETHING TO MAKE HER SLEEP. IN HER CONDITION— ANY MORE TALK NOW MIGHT DAMAGE HER MIND FOR GOOD. YOU'D BETTER LEAVE NOW.
OF COURSE, DOCTOR!
THE STING OF A NEEDLE—AND DARKNESS CLOSED OVER ELLEN DREW ONCE MORE. THERE WAS PEACE IN THAT DARKNESS. BUT IT WAS THE PEACE OF THE GRAVE...
ELLEN—ELLEN, WHERE ARE YOU? IT'S DAVID... I'M HERE, DARLING... HERE... WAITING...
DAVID... I HEAR—DAVID...
DAVID... I HEAR YOU! BUT—YOU'RE DEAD! THEY SAID YOU WERE DEAD... THEY...
ELLEN... COME TO ME...
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THE DEAD DO NOT RETURN. BUT—WHAT IS THAT TO A MIND NUMBED BY SHOCK AND GRIEF? IN THE HALF WORLD OF IMPOSSIBLE SORROW—WHAT IS REALITY? ELLEN DREW DID NOT KNOW, AND SHE DID NOT CARE...
BURIED...THEY SAID YOU WERE BURIED IN THE CHURCH-YARD...I'M COMING, DARLING! I'M COMING!
A HEARTBROKEN WOMAN DRAGGED HERSELF DOWN DARK STAIRS, ACROSS A COBBLED STREET— A GHOST CALLING TO A GHOST...
DAVID—WHERE ARE YOU? WHERE...
I'M—HERE, ELLEN.
SOMETHING STIRRED IN THE MIST. SOMETHING MOVED FORWARD... SOMETHING FROM ANOTHER WORLD. AND ELLEN DREW'S HEART LEAPED WITH HOPE. BUT THERE MUST STILL HAVE BEEN THE SEEDS OF SANITY IN HER, THEN...
DAVID...THEY SAID...THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING! YOU'RE DEAD! DEAD...
NO! DON'T! YOU'RE NOT DEAD! AH-H-H-H...
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CHAPTER TWO
WHO AM I?
HOW LONG ELLEN DREW'S TOTTERING MIND HID IN THE SAFETY OF UNCONSCIOUSNESS, WAS NEVER TO BE KNOWN. BUT IN TIME SHE AWOKE...
OHH! MY HEAD HURTS! AND I-I DON'T KNOW WHERE I AM!
...AND WITH HER AWAKENING, THE NIGHTMARE GREW...
SHE'S AWAKE! AT LAST! MARY...
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MARY! OH, MY DARLING! WE'VE ALMOST GIVEN YOU UP!
EDWIN, BE GENTLE— SHE'S BEEN ILL FOR SO LONG! THIS IS THE FIRST TIME IN DAYS THAT SHE'S EVEN OPENED HER EYES!

SOMETHING WAS WRONG— ELLEN DREW KNEW THAT! AND YET THE ARMS ABOUT HER WERE STRONG, COMFORTING. FOR A MOMENT, SHE SAVORED THAT COMFORT...

MARY...YOU CALLED ME— MARY. BUT—MY NAME IS ELLEN! ELLEN DREW!
MARY, WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? YOU'RE MARY CARTWRIGHT! YOU'VE BEEN ILL, MARY! DON'T YOU KNOW ME? I'M EDWIN, EDWIN MASTERS!

MARY, PLEASE— DON'T LOOK AT ME LIKE THAT! LIKE-LIKE A STRANGER! IT'S EDWIN! YOUR FIANCEE! DON'T YOU REMEMBER?
NO! MY NAME IS ELLEN! AND I DON'T HAVE A FIANCEE! I'M MARRIED! MY HUSBAND IS DEAD! HE WAS KILLED IN AN ACCIDENT!

DON'T YOU KNOW ME, MARY? I'M ELIZABETH, EDWIN'S SISTER, AND THIS IS YOUR HOME! WE'VE BEEN STAYING HERE TAKING CARE OF YOU EVER SINCE YOU BECAME --ILL!

YOU! I'VE SEEN YOU BEFORE! AT THE BLUE BOAR INN— WITH THE DETECTIVE AFTER THE ACCIDENT! YOU KNOW ME! TELL THEM WHO I AM!
I'M SORRY, MARY, BUT THERE'S BEEN NO ACCIDENT —AND I HAVEN'T BEEN TO THE BLUE BOAR INN IN MONTHS!

I'M AFRAID YOUR ILLNESS DID THIS,! HIGH FEVER SOMETIMES TWISTS THE MIND! CAUSES A PECULIAR KIND OF AMNESIA!
NO! YOU'RE INSANE! THIS IS SOME KIND OF HORRIBLE DREAM! I'M NOT MARY CARTWRIGHT! I'M ELLEN DREW...

MY DEAR, PLEASE LISTEN TO ME AND I WILL EXPLAIN-- YOU ARE MARY CARTWRIGHT AND THIS IS YOUR HOME!
IT ALL SEEMS SO IMPOSSIBLE! AND HOW CAN I TRUST HIM?
TWO MONTHS AGO, YOU CONTRACTED A SERIOUS INFECTION. YOU OBVIOUSLY LOST A MEMORY CONNECTION ABOUT WHO YOU REALLY ARE AND FELL INTO A COMA--

SOMETIME IN YOUR ILLNESS, YOU FANTASIED YOURSELF AS A GIRL NAMED ELLEN DREW WHO WAS IN AN ACCIDENT WITH A YOUNG MAN NAMED DAVID— ALL MADE UP IN YOUR SUBCONSCIOUS MIND.
I-I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! I JUST CAN'T!

OF COURSE IT IS! EDWIN HAD IT DONE FOR YOUR LAST BIRTHDAY!
I'M SO CONFUSED...
NO, NOT NOW, EDWIN. I KNOW MARY... SHE NEEDS REST MORE THAN TALK. YOU TWO RUN ALONG, I'LL TAKE CARE OF HER!
AMNESIA IS LIKE THAT. YOU'LL REMEMBER EVERYTHING IN TIME...
LISTEN TO ME, MARY. I LOVE YOU! WE'RE TO BE MARRIED. NOW GO TO SLEEP, DEAR!

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MOM--MY PARTY DRESS IS BEAUTIFUL - BUT MY HANDS... BLAH!

GOSH, MOM -- IS THERE ANYTHING I CAN DO BEFORE MY PARTY?

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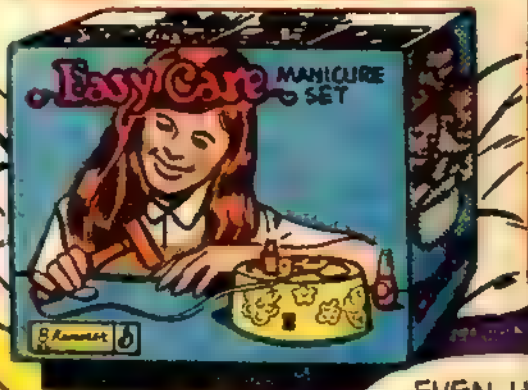

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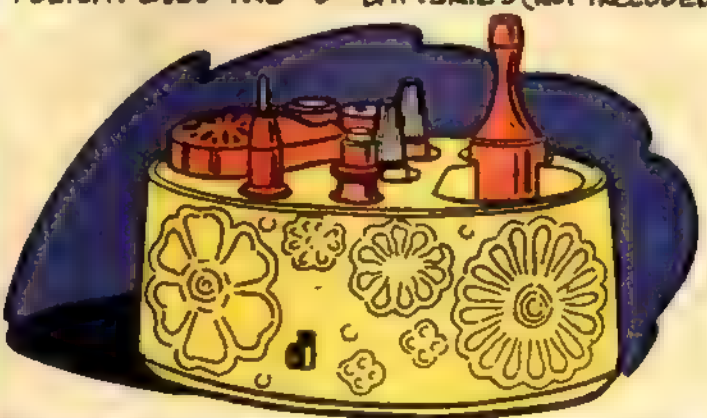

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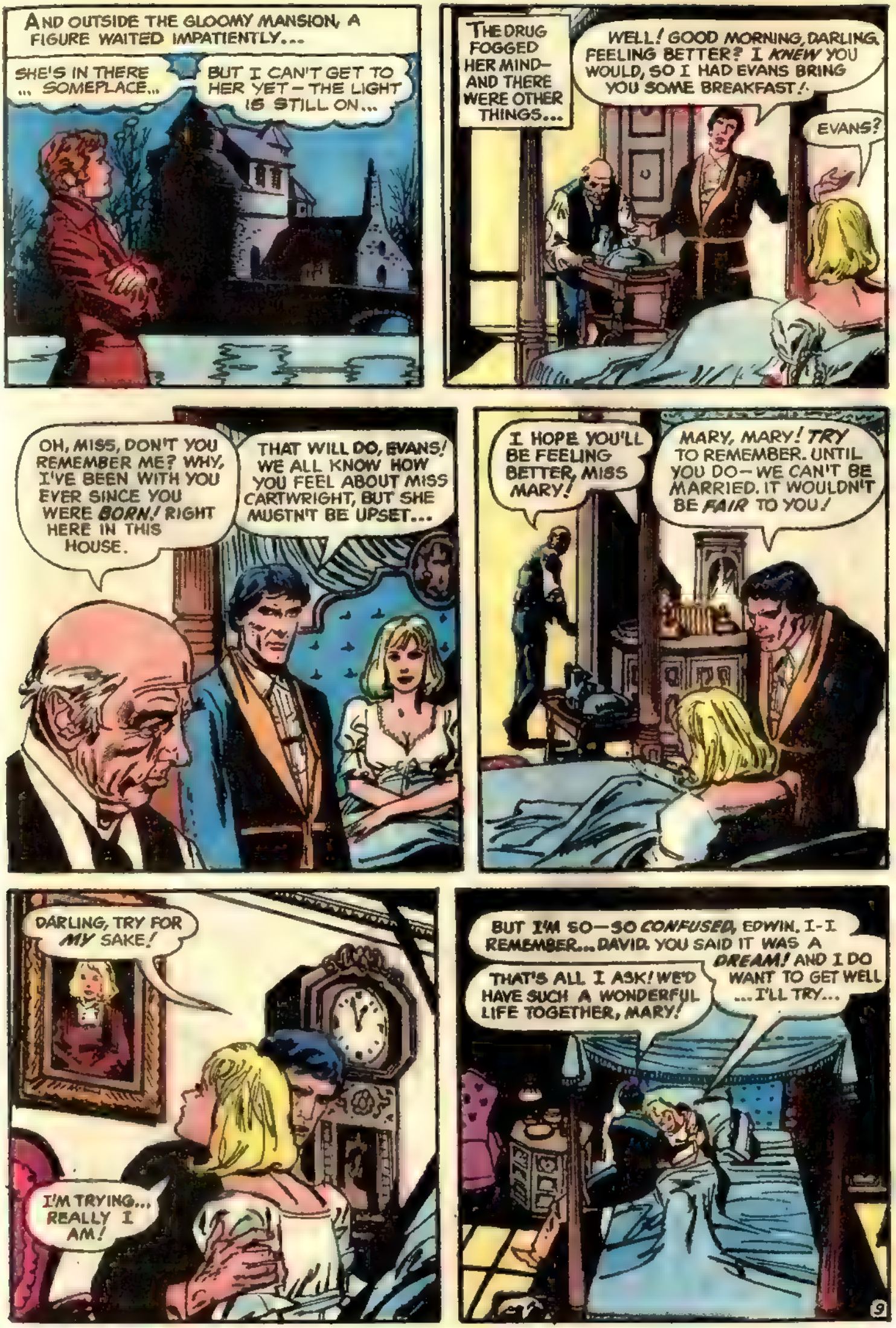
AND OUTSIDE THE GLOOMY MANSION, A FIGURE WAITED IMPATIENTLY...
SHE'S IN THERE ... SOMEPLACE...
BUT I CAN'T GET TO HER YET – THE LIGHT IS STILL ON...
THE DRUG FOGGED HER MIND– AND THERE WERE OTHER THINGS...
WELL! GOOD MORNING, DARLING. FEELING BETTER? I KNEW YOU WOULD, SO I HAD EVANS BRING YOU SOME BREAKFAST!
EVANS?
OH, MISS, DON'T YOU REMEMBER ME? WHY, I'VE BEEN WITH YOU EVER SINCE YOU WERE BORN! RIGHT HERE IN THIS HOUSE.
THAT WILL DO, EVANS! WE ALL KNOW HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT MISS CARTWRIGHT, BUT SHE MUSTN'T BE UPSET...
I HOPE YOU'LL BE FEELING BETTER, MISS MARY!
MARY, MARY! TRY TO REMEMBER. UNTIL YOU DO– WE CAN'T BE MARRIED. IT WOULDN'T BE FAIR TO YOU!
DARLING, TRY FOR MY SAKE!
I'M TRYING... REALLY I AM!
BUT I'M SO–SO CONFUSED, EDWIN. I-I REMEMBER... DAVID. YOU SAID IT WAS A DREAM! AND I DO WANT TO GET WELL ...I'LL TRY...
THAT'S ALL I ASK! WE'D HAVE SUCH A WONDERFUL LIFE TOGETHER, MARY!
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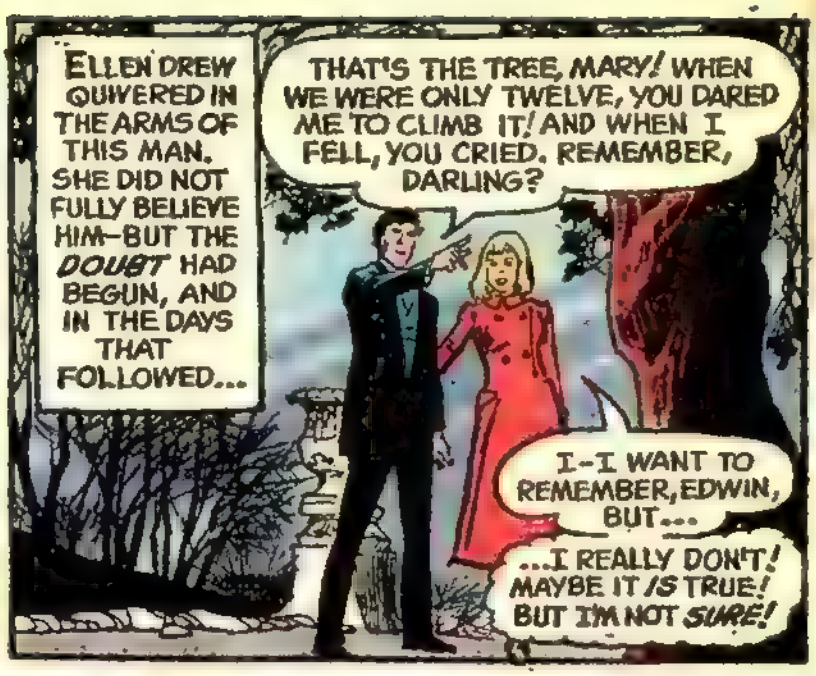
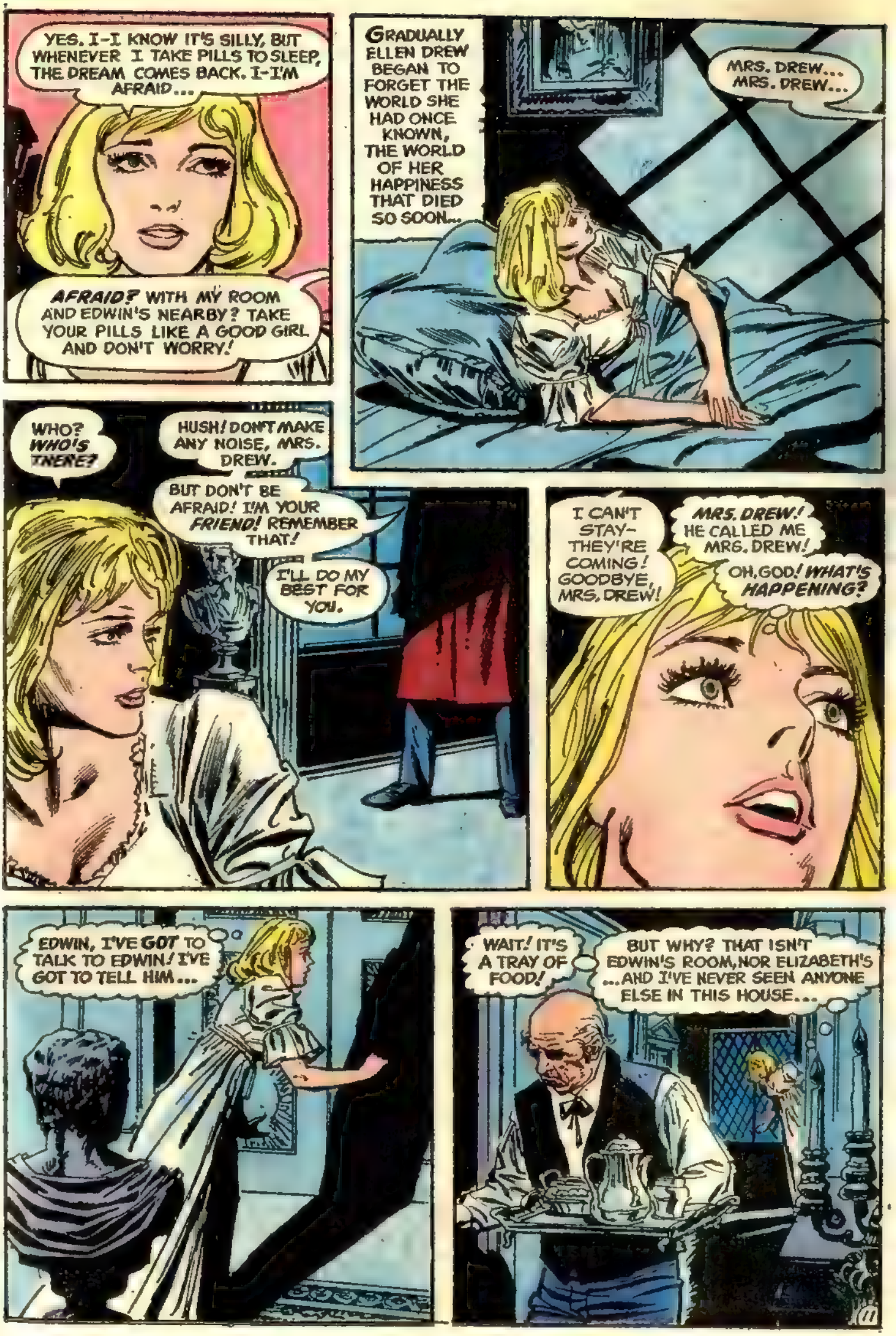

ELLEN DREW QUIVERED IN THE ARMS OF THIS MAN. SHE DID NOT FULLY BELIEVE HIM—BUT THE DOUBT HAD BEGUN, AND IN THE DAYS THAT FOLLOWED...
THAT'S THE TREE, MARY! WHEN WE WERE ONLY TWELVE, YOU DARED ME TO CLIMB IT! AND WHEN I FELL, YOU CRIED. REMEMBER, DARLING?
I-I WANT TO REMEMBER, EDWIN, BUT...
...I REALLY DON'T! MAYBE IT IS TRUE! BUT I'M NOT SURE!

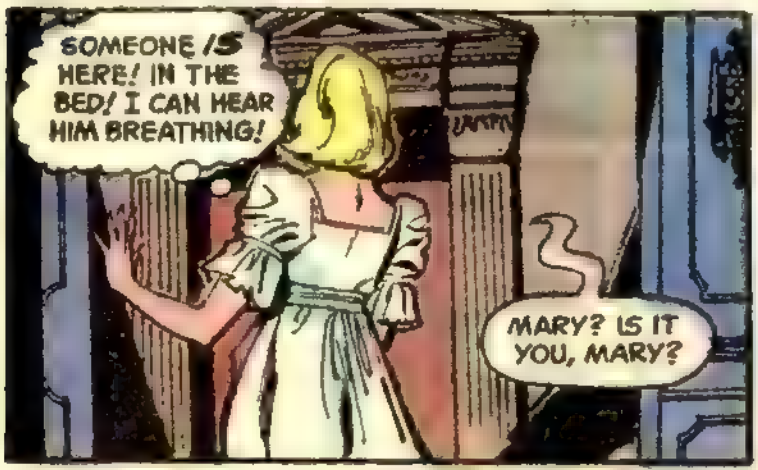
IT WAS AT NIGHT, HOWEVER, THAT ELLEN'S DOUBT RETURNED...

BUT-ELIZABETH, I FEEL SO MUCH BETTER. MUST I TAKE THE PILLS?
MARY, YOU KNOW WHAT THE DOCTOR SAID. OF COURSE YOU MUST!
.IS IT THE DREAM AGAIN?


YES. I-I KNOW IT'S SILLY, BUT WHENEVER I TAKE PILLS TO SLEEP, THE DREAM COMES BACK. I-I'M AFRAID...
AFRAID? WITH MY ROOM AND EDWIN'S NEARBY? TAKE YOUR PILLS LIKE A GOOD GIRL AND DON'T WORRY!
GRADUALLY ELLEN DREW BEGAN TO FORGET THE WORLD SHE HAD ONCE KNOWN, THE WORLD OF HER HAPPINESS THAT DIED SO SOON...
MRS. DREW... MRS. DREW...
WHO? WHO'S THERE?
HUSH! DON'T MAKE ANY NOISE, MRS. DREW.
BUT DON'T BE AFRAID! I'M YOUR FRIEND! REMEMBER THAT!
I'LL DO MY BEST FOR YOU.
I CAN'T STAY- THEY'RE COMING! GOODBYE, MRS. DREW!
MRS. DREW! HE CALLED ME MRS. DREW!
OH, GOD! WHAT'S HAPPENING?
EDWIN, I'VE GOT TO TALK TO EDWIN! I'VE GOT TO TELL HIM...
WAIT! IT'S A TRAY OF FOOD!
BUT WHY? THAT ISN'T EDWIN'S ROOM, NOR ELIZABETH'S ...AND I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYONE ELSE IN THIS HOUSE...

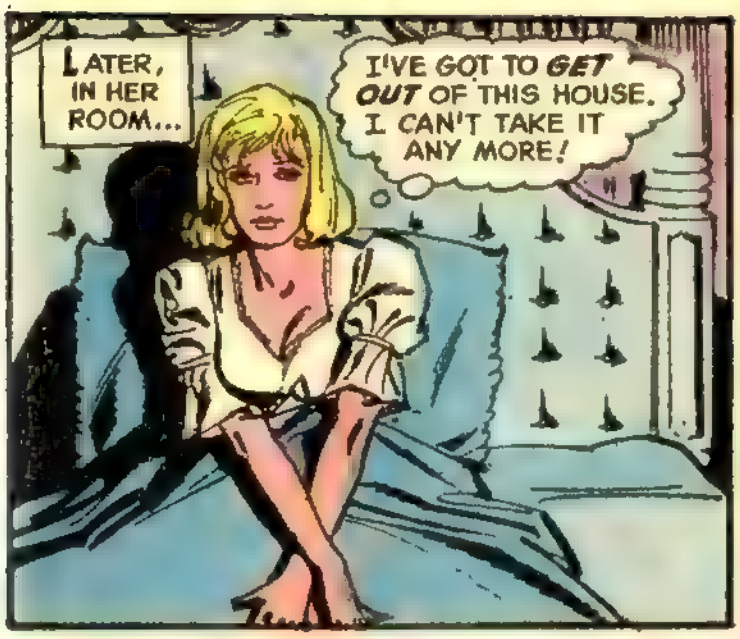
FOR A FEW BREATHLESS MINUTES, ELLEN WAITED IN THE SHADOWS, THEN...
THE TRAY...IT'S GONE! IF THERE IS SOMEONE HERE, MAYBE I CAN TALK TO HIM. I MUST LEARN THE TRUTH... BEFORE I GO MAD!

IT TOOK ALL OF ELLEN'S COURAGE TO ENTER THE ROOM...BUT THE INSTINCTS OF SURVIVAL WERE STILL STRONG IN HER...



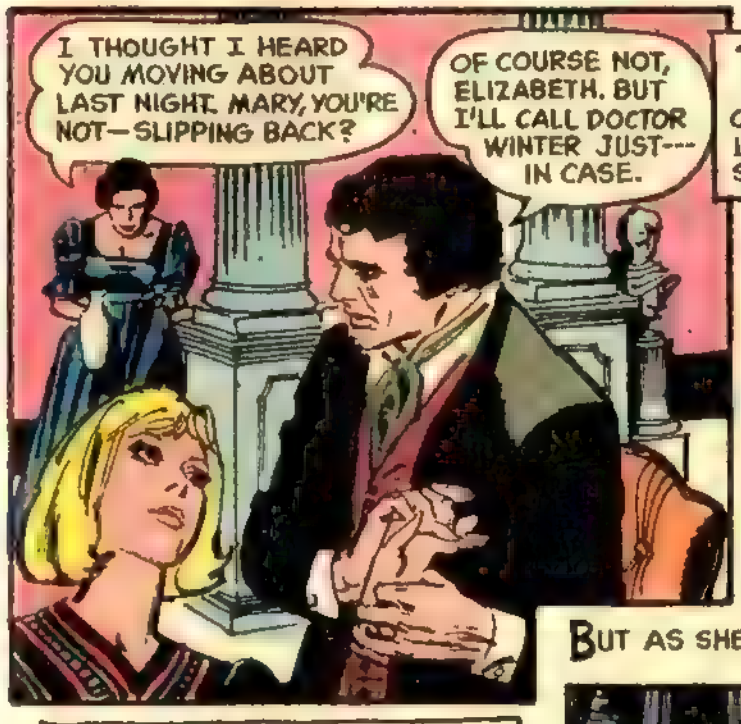
IT WAS THAT VERY INSTINCT TO SURVIVE THAT TUGGED ELLEN DREW ACROSS THE ROOM... THAT MADE HER DRAW THE HEAVY DRAPERIES...

W-WHO ARE YOU?
MARY...MY DAUGHTER... COME... TO... ME...
THE GIRL WHO RAN FROM THAT ROOM WAS TOTTERING ON THE BRINK OF INSANITY...
OH, GOD! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! WHAT--WHO WAS THAT?

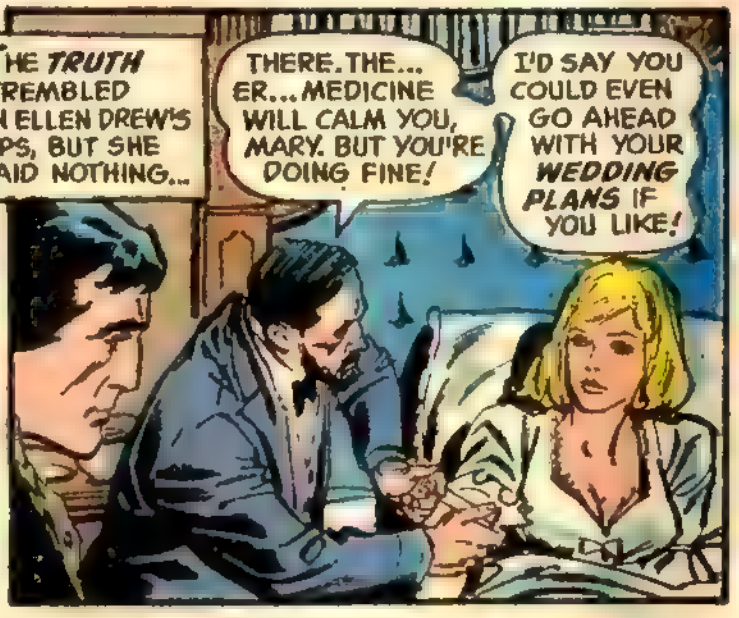


BUT AT BREAKFAST, HOW COULD SHE SAY WHAT SHE HAD SEEN?

YOU'VE HARDLY TOUCHED YOUR BREAKFAST, MARY. YOU'RE NOT FEELING BADLY, ARE YOU?
I DON'T TRUST ANYONE. I'D BETTER WATCH WHAT I SAY!
NO, I--I'M FINE. I JUST DIDN'T SLEEP TOO WELL LAST NIGHT.

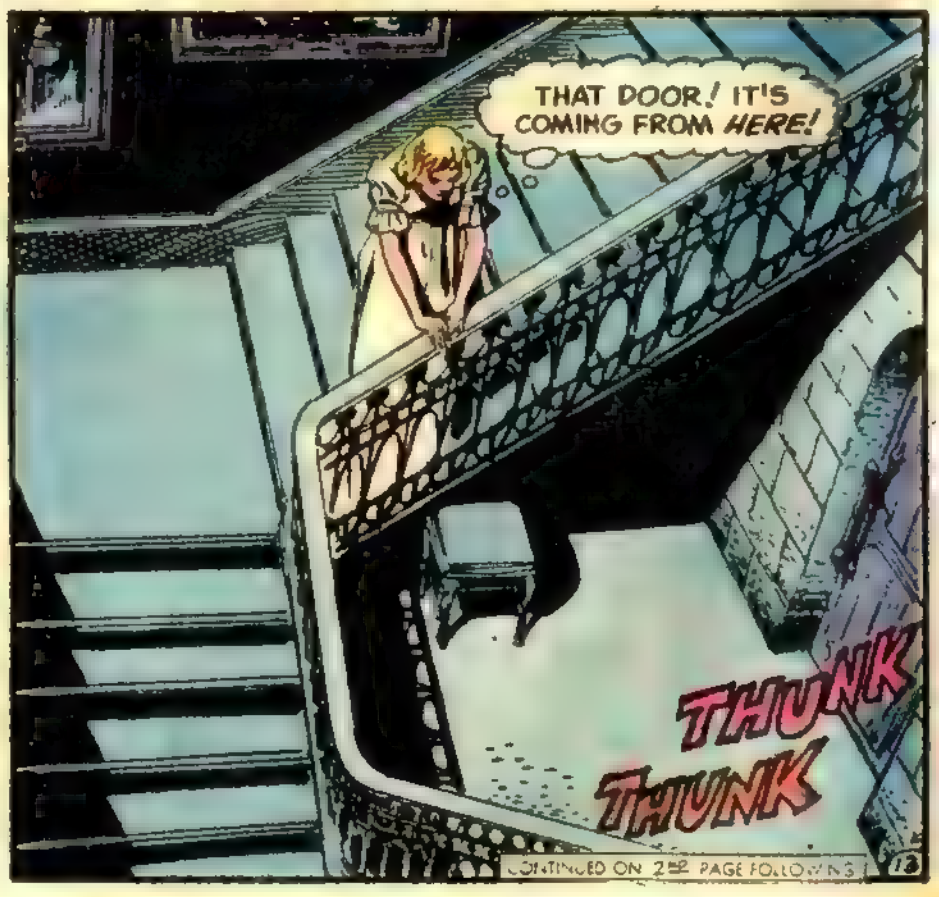

I THOUGHT I HEARD YOU MOVING ABOUT LAST NIGHT. MARY, YOU'RE NOT—SLIPPING BACK?
OF COURSE NOT, ELIZABETH. BUT I'LL CALL DOCTOR WINTER JUST--- IN CASE.

THE TRUTH TREMBLED ON ELLEN DREW'S LIPS, BUT SHE SAID NOTHING...


THERE. THE... ER... MEDICINE WILL CALM YOU, MARY. BUT YOU'RE DOING FINE!
I'D SAY YOU COULD EVEN GO AHEAD WITH YOUR WEDDING PLANS IF YOU LIKE!

ALTHOUGH THE INJECTION CLOUDED ELLEN'S MIND, SHE DID NOT SLEEP. BUT SHE COULD STILL HEAR. SHE COULD HEAR SOMETHING RHYTHMIC, STEADY--LIKE THE BEATING OF A HEART...

BUT AS SHE SOUGHT TO SHUT OUT THE SOUND, IT DREW HER...



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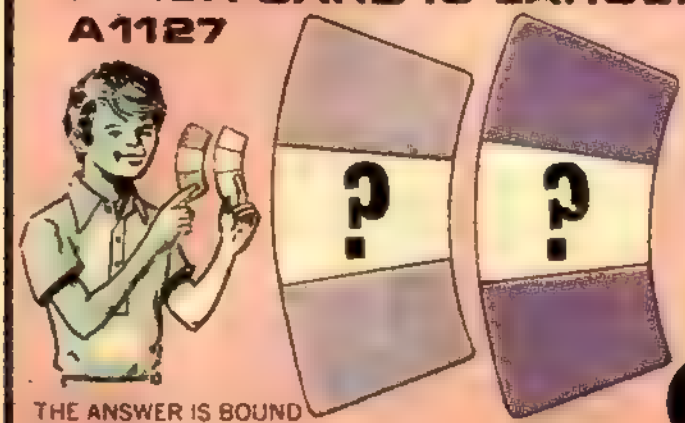

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THE ANSWER IS BOUND TO SURPRISE YOU—
AND ANYBODY ELSE WHO GUESSES IT'S THE DARKER ONE
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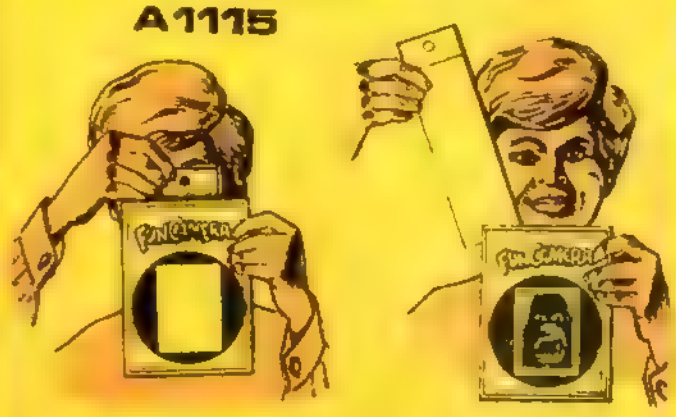

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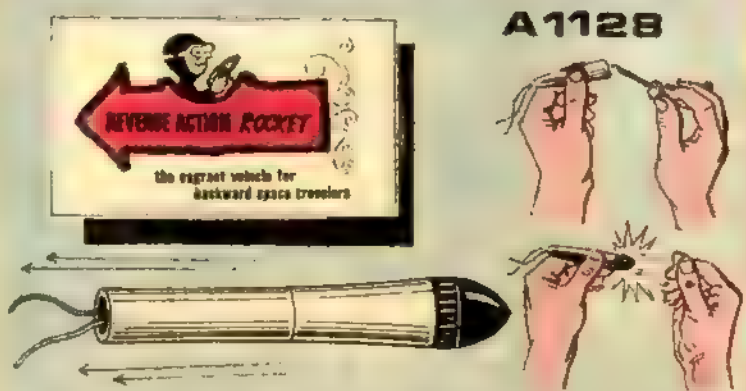

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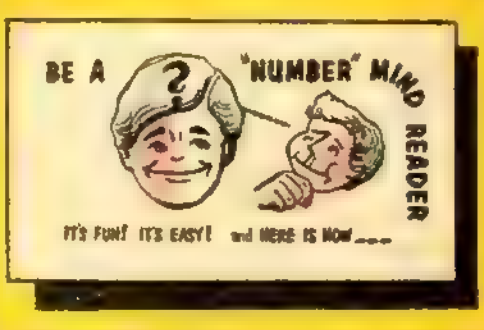

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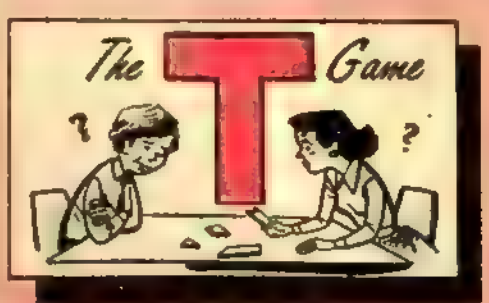

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OH, LORD... WHAT IS IT?
THUNK THUNK
THE SOUND LED HER TO A FLIGHT OF COLD STONE STAIRS THAT WOUND ENDLESSLY DOWNWARD... FEAR'S ICY FINGERS CLUTCHED AT HER THROAT...
A LIGHT! WHERE IS IT COMING FROM?
THUNK
DEAR GOD! HE'S DIGGING A GRAVE! BUT WHY? FOR WHOM?
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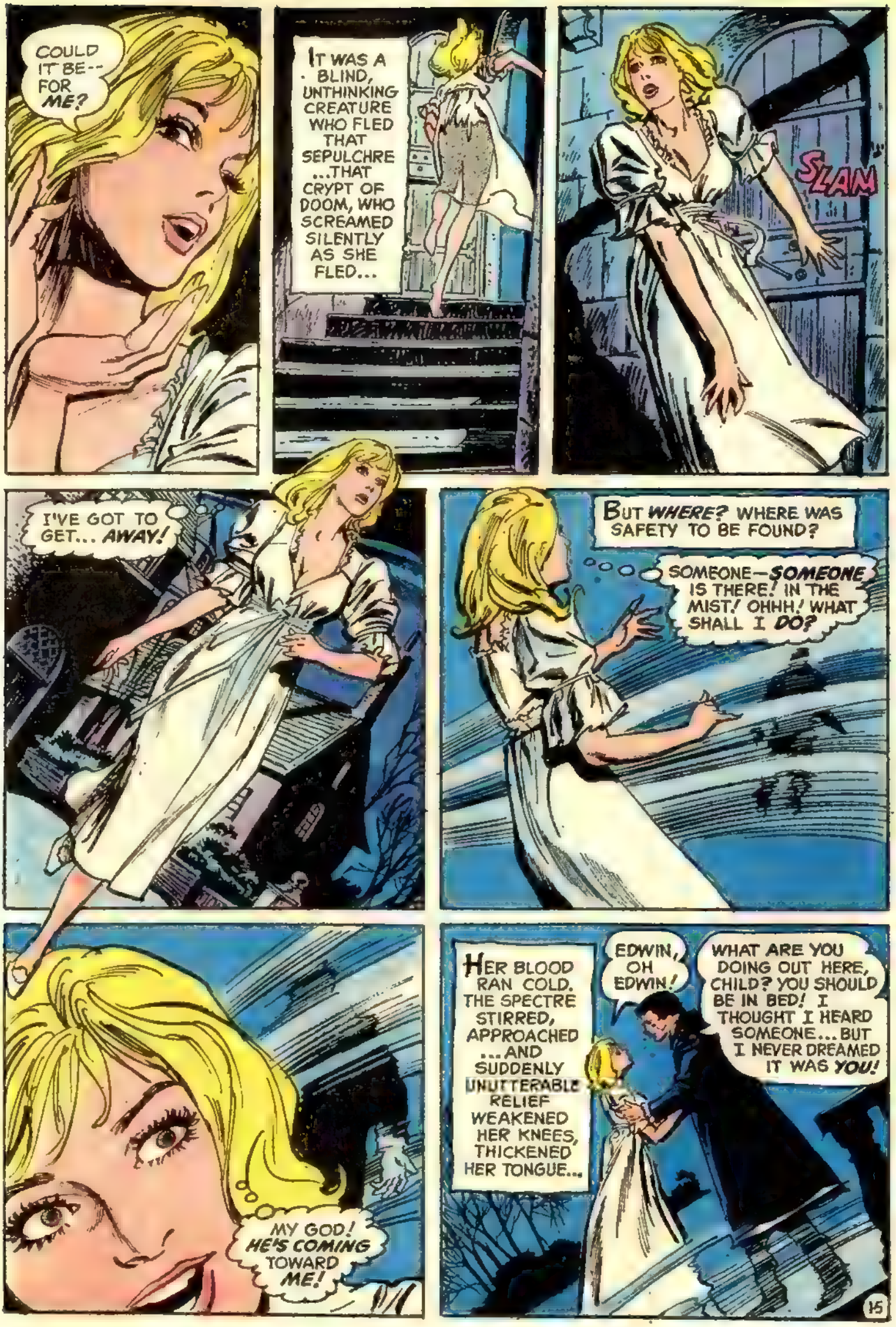
COULD IT BE-- FOR ME?
IT WAS A BLIND, UNTHINKING CREATURE WHO FLED THAT SEPULCHRE ...THAT CRYPT OF DOOM, WHO SCREAMED SILENTLY AS SHE FLED...
SLAM
I'VE GOT TO GET... AWAY!
BUT WHERE? WHERE WAS SAFETY TO BE FOUND?
SOMEONE—SOMEONE IS THERE! IN THE MIST! OHHH! WHAT SHALL I DO?
MY GOD! HE'S COMING TOWARD ME!
HER BLOOD RAN COLD. THE SPECTRE STIRRED, APPROACHED ...AND SUDDENLY UNUTTERABLE RELIEF WEAKENED HER KNEES, THICKENED HER TONGUE...
EDWIN, OH EDWIN!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING OUT HERE, CHILD? YOU SHOULD BE IN BED! I THOUGHT I HEARD SOMEONE... BUT I NEVER DREAMED IT WAS YOU!
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HOLD ME, EDWIN! HOLD ME! IT WAS HORRIBLE! I HEARD A NOISE IN THE CELLAR! AND WHEN I WENT DOWN—THERE WAS A MAN—DIGGING A GRAVE!
MARY, GET HOLD OF YOURSELF! WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
SOMEHOW, ELLEN GASPED OUT THE STORY. BUT THE MAN WHO HELD HER SO TENDERLY ONLY SHOOK HIS HEAD...
EDWIN, IT'S TRUE! I SAW HIM!
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! IT WAS YOUR IMAGINATION! THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO MAKE CERTAIN —WE'LL BOTH GO TO THE CELLAR AND...
NO! I WON'T GO BACK THERE, EDWIN, DON'T MAKE ME!
BUT I MUST! DON'T YOU SEE, DARLING? ONCE YOU RECOGNIZE THESE HALLUCINATIONS FOR WHAT THEY ARE, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO FORGET THEM.
TRUST ME!
EDWIN'S ARMS WERE GENTLE, REASSURING, IN THE END, SHE NODDED AND FOLLOWED HIM...
NOTHING...THERE'S NOTHING! JUST— AN EARTH FLOOR!
IT-IT WAS ALL IN MY MIND! IT NEVER REALLY HAPPENED... =SOB!=
OH, EDWIN! I DIDN'T BELIEVE IT! I COULDN'T! BUT IT'S TRUE! I-I IMAGINE THINGS!
YES, DEAR! YOU'VE BEEN LIVING IN A DREAM WORLD! BUT AS LONG AS YOU REALIZE IT...
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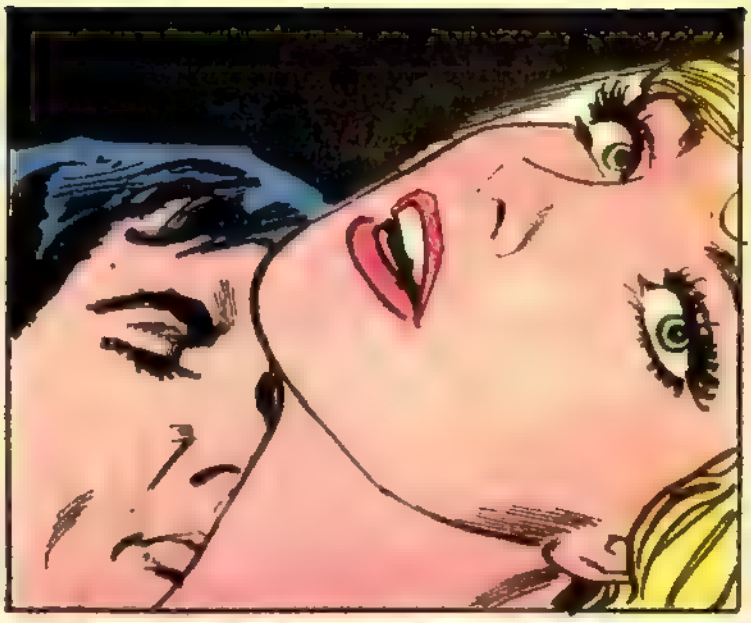
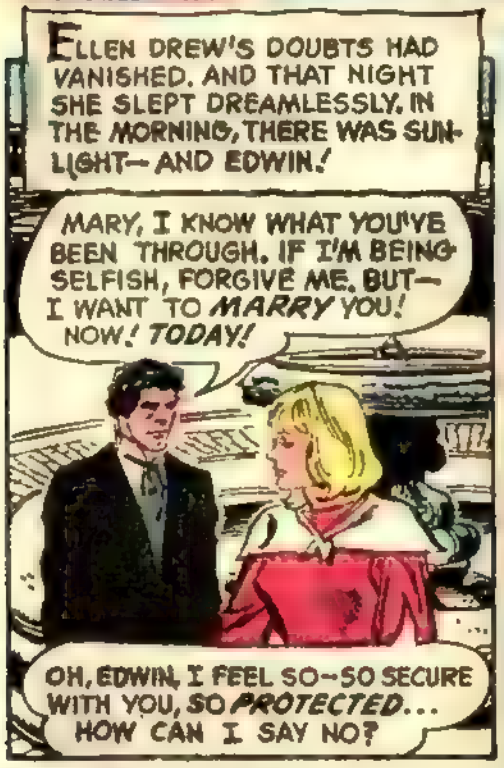
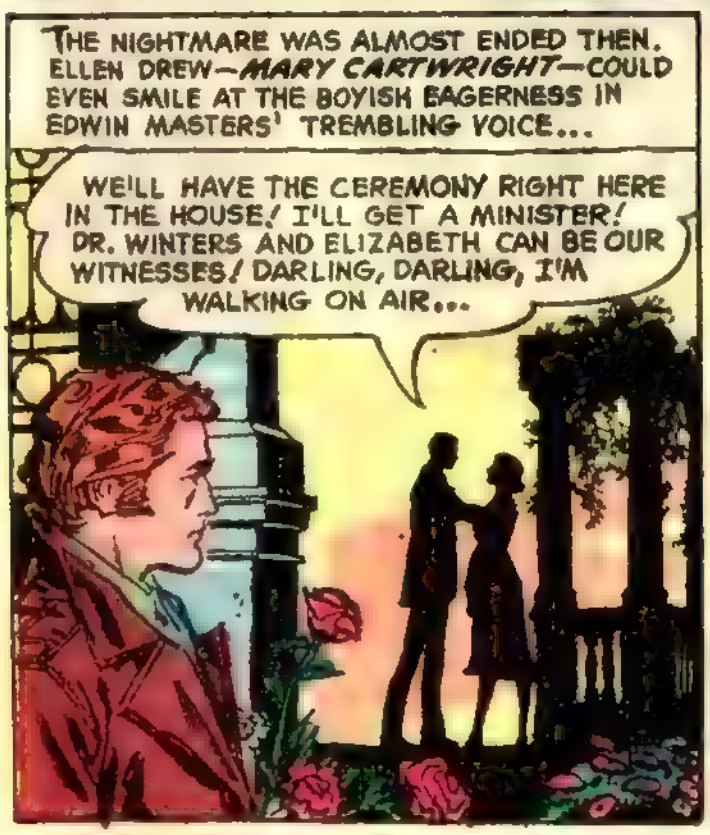
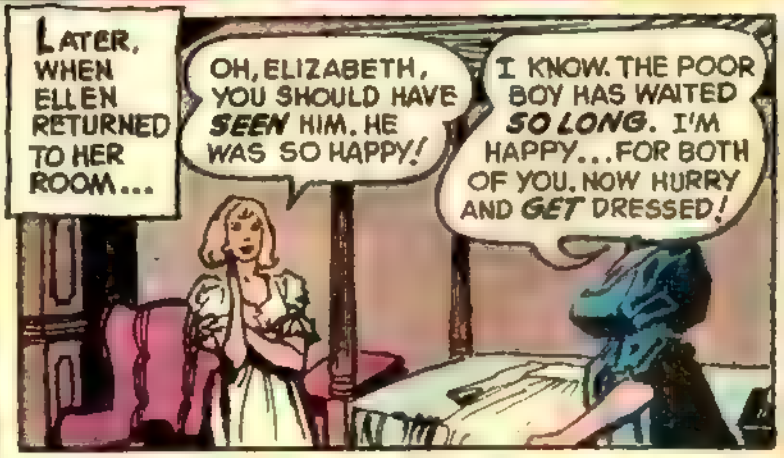
...YOU DON'T EVER HAVE TO BE AFRAID AGAIN! I'LL KEEP YOU SAFE FOREVER—SAFE IN MY ARMS...
EDWIN, PLEASE! KISS ME! I NEED SOMETHING TO HOLD ON TO...TO BELIEVE IN! PLEASE...



ELLEN DREW'S DOUBTS HAD VANISHED. AND THAT NIGHT SHE SLEPT DREAMLESSLY. IN THE MORNING, THERE WAS SUNLIGHT—AND EDWIN!


MARY, I KNOW WHAT YOU'VE BEEN THROUGH. IF I'M BEING SELFISH, FORGIVE ME. BUT—I WANT TO MARRY YOU! NOW! TODAY!
OH, EDWIN, I FEEL SO—SO SECURE WITH YOU, SO PROTECTED... HOW CAN I SAY NO?


THE NIGHTMARE WAS ALMOST ENDED THEN. ELLEN DREW—MARY CARTWRIGHT—COULD EVEN SMILE AT THE BOYISH EAGERNESS IN EDWIN MASTERS' TREMBLING VOICE...
WE'LL HAVE THE CEREMONY RIGHT HERE IN THE HOUSE! I'LL GET A MINISTER! DR. WINTERS AND ELIZABETH CAN BE OUR WITNESSES! DARLING, DARLING, I'M WALKING ON AIR...


LATER, WHEN ELLEN RETURNED TO HER ROOM...
OH, ELIZABETH, YOU SHOULD HAVE SEEN HIM. HE WAS SO HAPPY!
I KNOW. THE POOR BOY HAS WAITED SO LONG. I'M HAPPY...FOR BOTH OF YOU. NOW HURRY AND GET DRESSED!

YOUR WEDDING GOWN IS ALL READY. YOU ADORED IT WHEN YOU BOUGHT IT LAST YEAR.
OH, YES! I WILL!
I HAVE A MILLION THINGS TO DO. DRESS QUICKLY, NOW. PROMISE?

ELLEN DREW HAD FOUND A KIND OF PEACE AT LAST! IT WAS A HAPPY WOMAN WHO HUMMED AS SHE DONNED HER BRIDAL GOWN AND REACHED FOR HER VEIL...
OH, DEAR!
A PHOTOGRAPH! WHY, THAT'S ME! BUT— IT CAN'T BE! THIS PICTURE— IT'S OLD! NO ONE HAS DRESSED LIKE THAT FOR FIFTY YEARS!
ARE YOU READY, MARY? WE'RE ALL WAITING...
READY, MARY... WELL? WHAT HAVE YOU GOT THERE?
A PHOTOGRAPH. IT-IT FELL OUT OF THE CLOSET...
SEE, EDWIN? IT LOOKS LIKE ME! WHAT DOES IT MEAN?
WELL... OF COURSE IT LOOKS LIKE YOU. WHY SHOULDN'T IT? IT'S A PICTURE OF YOUR MOTHER!
ELLEN DREW ALMOST ACCEPTED THAT— ALMOST. THE NAGGING DOUBTS BEGAN TO NIBBLE AGAIN AT HER BRAIN...
YOU ADORABLE LITTLE IDIOT! WHAT'S SO STRANGE ABOUT THAT? COME ON, WE'VE GOT TO HURRY. THE OTHERS ARE ALL HERE... AND YOUR FATHER IS WAITING...
MY— FATHER?
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ELLEN DREW'S SENSES REELED. SOMETHING WAS WRONG! THE SHADOWS REACHED OUT ONCE AGAIN— CHILLING HER, ENGULFING HER...
MARY — YOU AREN'T GOING TO BEGIN ALL OVER AGAIN? DON'T SPOIL THINGS NOW. PLEASE!
I HAVE NO FATHER! MY FATHER DIED— YEARS AGO! HE'S DEAD!
JUST AS DAVID IS DEAD! DAVID...
MARY! STOP IT!
DARLING, FORGIVE ME: I HAD TO DO THAT! I COULDN'T LET YOU GO OFF THE DEEP END AGAIN. NOT WHEN I'M SO CLOSE TO EVERYTHING I'VE ALWAYS WANTED!
THE NUMBNESS CLOSED OVER ELLEN DREW'S MIND ONCE MORE. BUT THEN, AS EDWIN LED HER FROM THE ROOM...
NO— NOT IN THERE! HE'S IN THERE...
MARY, PLEASE! THIS IS YOUR FATHER'S ROOM. YOU CAN'T BE AFRAID OF YOUR OWN FATHER!
ELLEN DREW PLEADED... WITHOUT CONVICTION, WITHOUT HOPE. IT WAS ALMOST A ROBOT, A MINDLESS AUTOMATON, WHO ENTERED THAT ROOM...
MARY... MARY! MY DAUGHTER... MY DARLING DAUGHTER!
ARE YOU READY, MARY, FOR THE CEREMONY TO BEGIN?
YES...
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ELLEN DREW STOOD BETWEEN A MAN SHE DID NOT KNOW—EDWIN MASTERS—AND A SHRIVELED MUMMY WHO SMILED TOOTHLESSLY...
...AND I NOW PRONOUNCE YOU—MAN AND WIFE!
ELLEN DREW WAITED, DAZED, FOR HER HUSBAND TO KISS HER. BUT THERE WAS NO KISS...
ALL RIGHT! WE'RE MARRIED! NOW—WHERE'S THE INHERITANCE?!
WHERE IS IT? WHERE-IS-THE-MONEY? TELL ME!
YES—I'LL TELL YOU!
THE PICTURE... LOOK AT THE SMILING BOY... ON THE WALL! MY DEAR DAUGHTER MARY IS MARRIED NOW!
THAT PICTURE? ALL THESE YEARS OF WAITING, AND IT WAS RIGHT HERE ALL THE TIME? RIGHT IN FRONT OF OUR EYES...
BUT IT WAS WORTH WAITING FOR! THERE MUST BE MILLIONS BEHIND THAT PAINTING! BONDS... CASH... JEWELS... OH, LET ME AT IT!
NOTHING! THERE'S NOTHING THERE! JUST A WALL! AN EMPTY WALL!
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BLAST IT!
YOU CHEAT! I WON'T BE TRICKED! WHERE IS IT? TELL ME! I'LL MAKE YOU TALK! I'LL...
EDWIN! WAIT! HE'S TOO OLD... HIS HEART!...
YOU FOOL, I WARNED YOU! HE'S DEAD!
DEAD..? THEN — IT'S ALL OVER. IT'S A JOKE. ALL OUR PLANS — EVERYTHING... ENDED. I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
EVERYTHING— BUT HER! EDWIN, WHAT ABOUT HER?
FORGET ABOUT IT! THE GRAVE'S ALL READY— IN THE CELLAR! GONE! EVERYTHING — GONE...
SLOWLY, SLOWLY, ELLEN DREW CAME BACK TO REALITY...THE SHADOWS BEGAN TO LEAVE HER...
THE — GRAVE? THEN THERE REALLY WAS A GRAVE. I DID SEE IT. BUT— AFTERWARD...
AFTERWARD, I COVERED IT! WITH PLANKS. AND EARTH! HA! HA! BUT IT'S STILL THERE, WAITING FOR YOU! YOU'RE NO USE TO US NOW!
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AND I'M NOT— HIS DAUGHTER! THOSE INJECTIONS— DRUGS— THEY WERE TO MAKE ME BELIEVE...
WHAT WE WANTED YOU TO BELIEVE. YOU WERE UNLUCKY, ELLEN DREW! THE OLD MAN DID HAVE A DAUGHTER!... A DAUGHTER LIKE YOU! BUT SHE DIED IN LONDON IN AN AIR RAID... IN 1941!
BUT WHY DID YOU DO THIS TO ME?
WHY ARE WE TELLING HER ALL THIS? SHE'LL BE DEAD SOON ENOUGH!
THE REAL MARY WAS ENGAGED TO BE MARRIED, AND HER FATHER PROMISED HER A FORTUNE AS A WEDDING PRESENT. WHEN SHE DIED, THE OLD MAN REFUSED TO BELIEVE SHE WAS DEAD!
OLD CARTWRIGHT SWORE HE WOULD REVEAL THE HIDING PLACE ONLY TO HIS DAUGHTER--ON HER WEDDING DAY!
THAT'S WHY YOU NEEDED A BRIDE! IT WAS YOU WHO FOLLOWED US...WHO KILLED DAVID!
NO! THAT WAS AN ACCIDENT! BUT I DID SEE YOU AT THE INN — AND I REALIZED YOU WERE PERFECT! ONLY YOU HAD TO MARRY ME WILLINGLY, IN FRONT OF OLD MAN CARTWRIGHT!
IT WAS YOU WHO TRICKED ME INTO THE GRAVEYARD, WHO KIDNAPED ME AND DRUGGED ME — SO THAT I'D DO ANY-THING YOU SAID! YOU--YOU--OHHH!
QUIET! THERE'S NOTHING NOW! NO FORTUNE! ONLY YOU — A WITNESS! NOTHING BUT YOU, MY DEAR... HA, HA, HA!
EDWIN! STOP IT! WE HAVE NO TIME FOR HYSTERICS! WE MUST GET RID OF HER— AT ONCE!

PANIC BUBBLED UP INSIDE ELLEN, BUT SHE WAS SANE AGAIN! AND SHE KNEW THAT TO STAY HERE WAS — TO DIE!
HOLD HER! DON'T LET HER GET AWAY!
STOP HER!
I CAN'T STOP! THEY'RE GOING TO KILL ME! THEY'VE GOT TO...
THERE SHE IS! AFTER HER!
THE TERROR-STRICKEN GIRL RAN THROUGH BRANCHES THAT WHINED AND STUNG, THROUGH A MIST THAT WAS THICK AND DAMP, SMOTHERING SOUND AND SIGHT, UNTIL....
NO... NO! HELP!

MRS. DREW! IT'S ALL RIGHT! YOU'RE SAFE NOW! DON'T YOU RECOGNIZE ME?
YOU! YOU'RE THE DETECTIVE! AND—YOU'RE REAL! OH, THANK GOD! THANK GOD!
HANDS LIKE STEEL CLAMPS HELD HER, AND THEN BECAME TENDER, HELD HER CLOSE UNTIL HER TREMBLING EASED...
EASY! DON'T TREMBLE—POOR GIRL!
I-I'M ALL RIGHT...
BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND—HOW DID YOU FIND ME?
I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU SINCE YOU DISAPPEARED FROM THE INN! I WENT TO EVERY HOUSE IN THE DISTRICT, THEN I CAME HERE AND I SAW YOU...
...THROUGH THE WINDOW! YOU WERE THE MAN AT THE WINDOW!
YES, BUT I COULDN'T BREAK IN. YOU COULD HAVE BEEN A GUEST! I KEPT WATCH AND TONIGHT WHEN I SAW JACKSON IN THAT FAKE MINISTER'S GETUP...
THEN—HE ISN'T A MINISTER! I'M NOT MARRIED TO EDWIN!
MARRIED? NO. JACKSON LIVES IN THE VILLAGE. HE'S GOT A BAD REPUTATION. WHEN HE CAME HERE TONIGHT, I HAD A HUNCH THINGS WERE ABOUT TO COME TO A HEAD. SO...
THE RELIEF THAT FILLED ELLEN DREW'S HEART WAS TOO MUCH TO BEAR. ONCE AGAIN, HER TATTERED NERVES GAVE WAY...
OH-H-H--
MRS. DREW!
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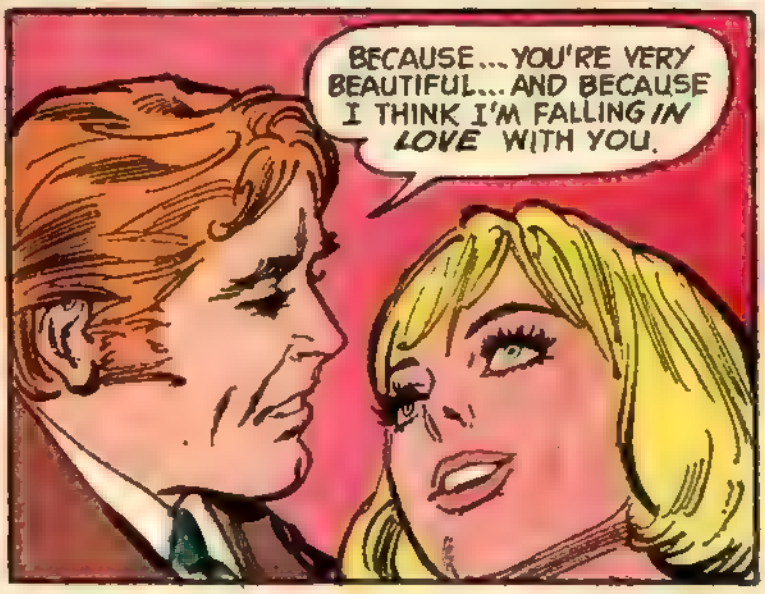
THERE WAS STILL ONE SMALL ACT TO BE PLAYED OUT IN THE DRAMA OF ELLEN DREW. SHE AWAKENED JUST IN TIME TO SEE IT BROUGHT TO ITS CLIMAX...
SERGEANT! YOU— YOU GOT THEM!
MY MEN DID, MRS. DREW! YOUR FAKE "HUSBAND" HAS BEEN TELLING ME ALL ABOUT HIS LITTLE PLOT!
HE'S QUITE AN EXPERT AT LOVEMAKING. A PITY HE HE WASN'T MORE EXPERT ABOUT— OTHER THINGS!
IS THIS THE PICTURE, MASTERS? THE ONE THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO HIDE THE OLD MAN'S WEDDING GIFT TO HIS DAUGHTER?
THERE WAS NO FORTUNE! HE LIED! I HOPE HE ROTS IN HELL!
YOU'RE A GREEDY MAN, MASTERS! THAT'S WHY— THIS IS ALMOST FUNNY, IN A WAY!
WHY DON'T YOU LEAVE ME ALONE? YOU'VE GOT US! ISN'T IT ENOUGH THAT THE OLD MAN TRICKED US?
THAT'S WHAT'S SO FUNNY, MASTERS. YOU SHOULD HAVE EXAMINED THIS MORE CLOSELY. TAKE A GOOD LOOK!
SO YOU CAN LAUGH AGAIN? IT'S JUST--- JUNK! WITH THE ARTIST'S INITIALS SCRAWLED ON IT!
AND—IT WAS ALMOST FUNNY—IN A WAY...
INITIALS... RVR... NO! I DON'T BELIEVE IT! REMBRANDT! REMBRANDT VAN RIJN! THE PICTURE WAS THE WEDDING GIFT!
THAT'S RIGHT, MASTERS... YOU DESTROYED ONE MILLION POUNDS--- TWO AND A HALF MILLION DOLLARS— WITH YOUR OWN HANDS!

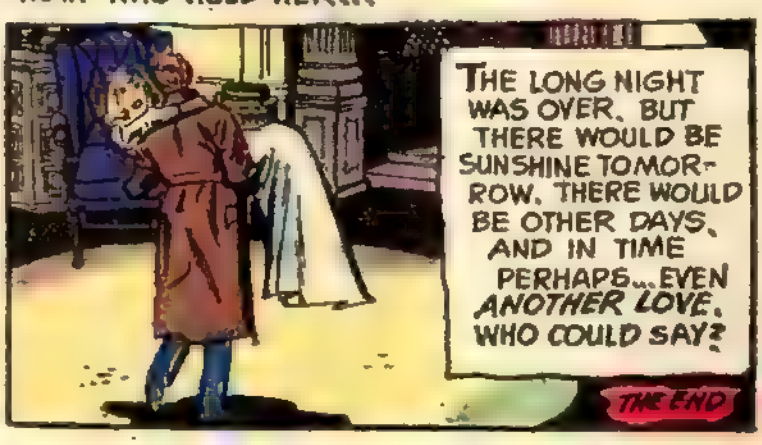
SOMEWHERE, A GALLOWS WAITED. EDWIN MASTERS BEGAN TO LAUGH—AND HE WAS STILL LAUGHING WHEN HE WAS LED AWAY...
A REMBRANDT! A REMBRANDT! HA-HA-HA!
I THINK IT'S ALL OVER NOW, MRS. DREW. SHALL WE GO?

ELLEN DREW NODDED. BUT SHE HAD COME A LONG, HARD WAY. SHE WAS STILL WEAK...
MRS. DREW! COME, MRS. DREW—I'LL GIVE YOU A HAND!
YES, I.... OH-H... THANK YOU.

IT WAS *DIFFERENT*, THIS TIME. THIS TIME THE MAN WHO HELD HER SO TENDERLY WAS *ALL* THAT HE SEEMED TO BE...
POOR LITTLE THING. YOU'VE BEEN THROUGH A LOT, BUT YOU'LL BE ALL RIGHT. YOU'LL BE JUST FINE!
WHY ARE YOU SO GOOD TO ME?



THIS TIME, EVEN DAVID DREW WOULD HAVE SMILED HIS APPROVAL AS ELLEN DREW STIRRED AND PUT HER ARMS TRUSTINGLY ABOUT THE NECK OF THE MAN WHO HELD HER...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1. Have you ever started to hum or whistle a song at the same time as someone else in the room?
   a) never. . . . . ( )
   b) once or twice. . . . . ( )
   c) often. . . . . ( )

2. Have you ever had a dream about something totally unexpected which then comes true?
   a) never. . . . . ( )
   b) once or twice. . . . . ( )
   c) often. . . . . ( )

3. Have you ever predicted correctly whether an unborn child will be a boy or a girl?
   a) never. . . . . ( )
   b) once or twice. . . . . ( )
   c) often. . . . . ( )

4. Do you sometimes wake up feeling very lucky—and then have good things happen to you all that day?
   a) never. . . . . ( )
   b) once or twice. . . . . ( )
   c) often. . . . . ( )

5. Do you ever get an upset feeling that some disaster is going to happen . . . and then it does?
   a) never. . . . . ( )
   b) once or twice. . . . . ( )
   c) often. . . . . ( )

6. Do you ever get a lot of "vibrations" about a person you've just met and can therefore tell a lot about him without really knowing any facts?
   a) never. . . . . ( )
   b) once or twice. . . . . ( )
   c) often. . . . . ( )

Total Your Score!

1. a) 0 b) 25 c) 50 pts. ☐

If this happens to you a lot, the psychic experts say you probably are gifted with ESP—extrasensory perception. This power may be helping you read other people's minds without your even knowing it.

2. a) 0 b) 35 c) 50. ☐

Studies have shown that if your dreams come true you probably have other psychic powers as well. Too bad we don't always dream what we want to dream!

3. a) 0 b) 15 c) 50. ☐

Some people have the power to do this right on the button every time. Even if you just guess . . . you have a 50% chance of being right.

4. a) 0 b) 15 c) 50. ☐

Some experts think that people who often win at games of chance have supernatural gifts they are using unawares. In laboratory tests, psychics do better at guessing the signs on hidden cards when they're feeling especially "lucky."

5. a) 0 b) 25 c) 50. ☐

Usually psychics get feelings about big events more than about everyday ones. Disasters seem to have a lot of psychic energy that travels backward through time.

6. a) 10 b) 20 c) 50. ☐

You don't have to have super powers to do this—you may be observing someone more closely than you realize. But there are some famous psychics who can tell everything about a person they've just met!

TOTAL: ☐

How Did You Do?

If you scored from 200-300, you're definitely in the wizard category. You probably amaze your friends all the time with your predictions that come true and your ability to tell what's on their minds.

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OH, DEAR! WHAT WILL I DO NOW? NO CABS, AND I HAVE NO IDEA WHERE THE INN IS. MRS. PENNYWORTH SAID SHE'D SEND SOMEONE...
EXCUSE ME, MISS STEVENS?
YES?
WOW! I THOUGHT THEY STOPPED MAKING MEN LIKE THIS DURING THE GOLDEN AGE OF GREECE!
I'M NIKOLOS, A FRIEND OF MRS. PENNYWORTH! SHE ASKED ME TO DRIVE YOU TO THE INN!
WHERE IS YOUR LUGGAGE?
I HAVEN'T ANY. THEY TOLD ME IT WAS MISROUTED BY MISTAKE TO ATHENS--OR SOMEWHERE!
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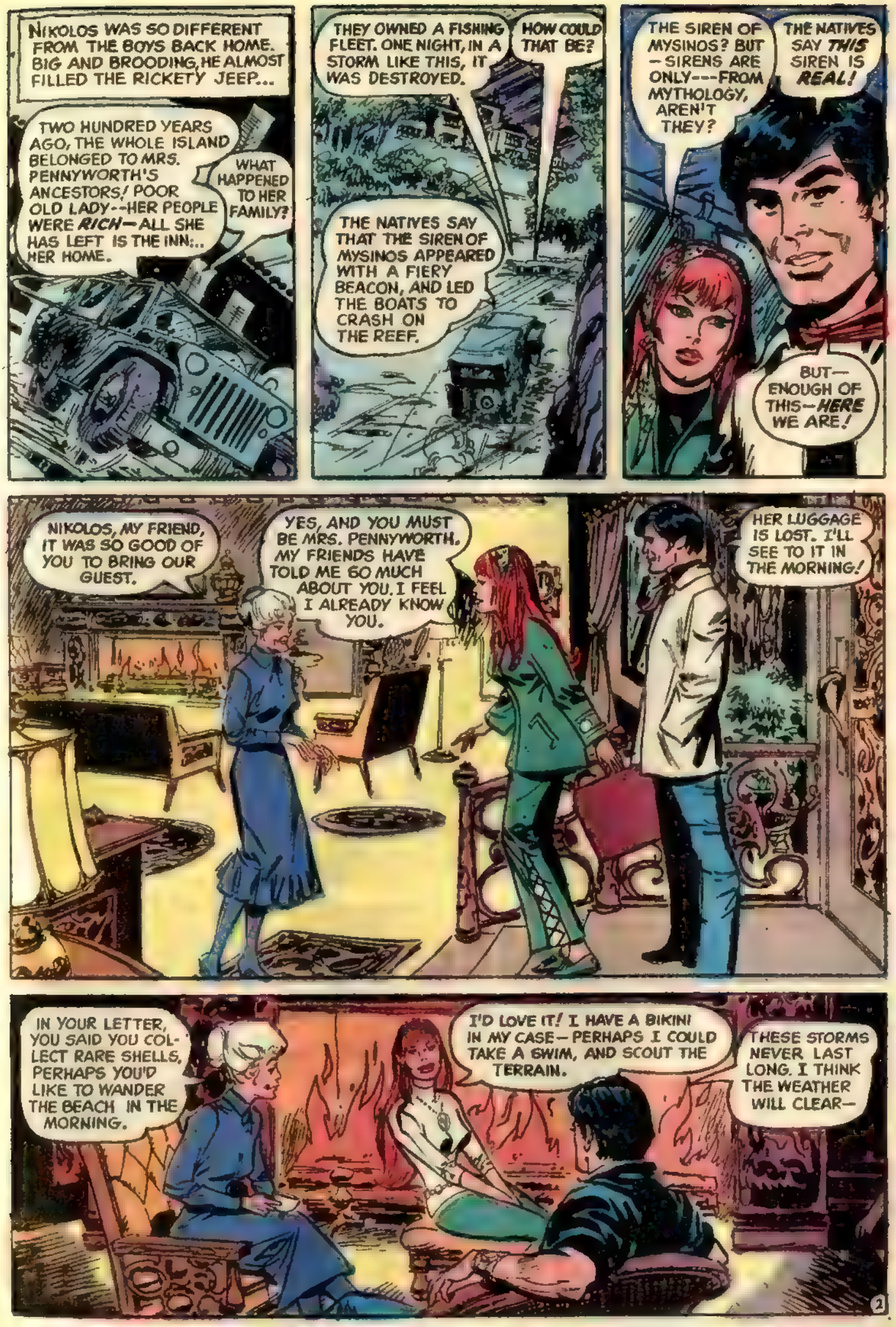
NIKOLOS WAS SO DIFFERENT FROM THE BOYS BACK HOME. BIG AND BROODING, HE ALMOST FILLED THE RICKETY JEEP...
TWO HUNDRED YEARS AGO, THE WHOLE ISLAND BELONGED TO MRS. PENNYWORTH'S ANCESTORS! POOR OLD LADY--HER PEOPLE WERE RICH—ALL SHE HAS LEFT IS THE INN:.. HER HOME.
WHAT HAPPENED TO HER FAMILY?
THEY OWNED A FISHING FLEET. ONE NIGHT, IN A STORM LIKE THIS, IT WAS DESTROYED.
HOW COULD THAT BE?
THE NATIVES SAY THAT THE SIREN OF MYSINOS APPEARED WITH A FIERY BEACON, AND LED THE BOATS TO CRASH ON THE REEF.
THE SIREN OF MYSINOS? BUT—SIRENS ARE ONLY---FROM MYTHOLOGY, AREN'T THEY?
THE NATIVES SAY THIS SIREN IS REAL!
BUT—ENOUGH OF THIS—HERE WE ARE!
NIKOLOS, MY FRIEND, IT WAS SO GOOD OF YOU TO BRING OUR GUEST.
YES, AND YOU MUST BE MRS. PENNYWORTH. MY FRIENDS HAVE TOLD ME SO MUCH ABOUT YOU. I FEEL I ALREADY KNOW YOU.
HER LUGGAGE IS LOST. I'LL SEE TO IT IN THE MORNING!
IN YOUR LETTER, YOU SAID YOU COLLECT RARE SHELLS, PERHAPS YOU'D LIKE TO WANDER THE BEACH IN THE MORNING.
I'D LOVE IT! I HAVE A BIKINI IN MY CASE—PERHAPS I COULD TAKE A SWIM, AND SCOUT THE TERRAIN.
THESE STORMS NEVER LAST LONG. I THINK THE WEATHER WILL CLEAR—
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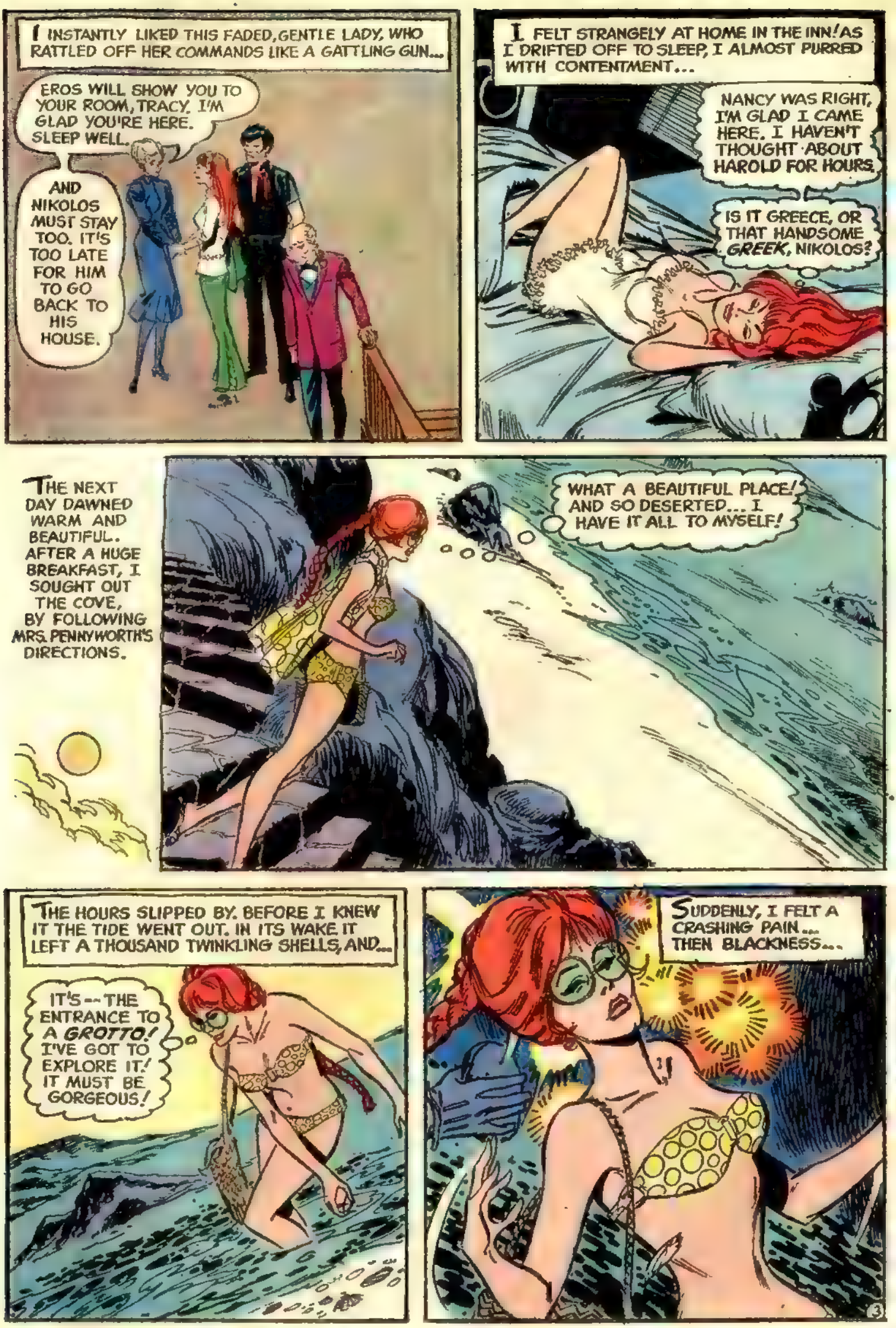
I INSTANTLY LIKED THIS FADED, GENTLE LADY, WHO RATTLED OFF HER COMMANDS LIKE A GATTLING GUN...
EROS WILL SHOW YOU TO YOUR ROOM, TRACY. I'M GLAD YOU'RE HERE. SLEEP WELL.
AND NIKOLOS MUST STAY TOO. IT'S TOO LATE FOR HIM TO GO BACK TO HIS HOUSE.
I FELT STRANGELY AT HOME IN THE INN! AS I DRIFTED OFF TO SLEEP, I ALMOST PURRED WITH CONTENTMENT...
NANCY WAS RIGHT, I'M GLAD I CAME HERE. I HAVEN'T THOUGHT ABOUT HAROLD FOR HOURS.
IS IT GREECE, OR THAT HANDSOME GREEK, NIKOLOS?
THE NEXT DAY DAWNED WARM AND BEAUTIFUL. AFTER A HUGE BREAKFAST, I SOUGHT OUT THE COVE, BY FOLLOWING MRS. PENNYWORTH'S DIRECTIONS.
WHAT A BEAUTIFUL PLACE! AND SO DESERTED... I HAVE IT ALL TO MYSELF!
THE HOURS SLIPPED BY. BEFORE I KNEW IT THE TIDE WENT OUT. IN ITS WAKE IT LEFT A THOUSAND TWINKLING SHELLS, AND...
IT'S -- THE ENTRANCE TO A GROTTO! I'VE GOT TO EXPLORE IT! IT MUST BE GORGEOUS!
SUDDENLY, I FELT A CRASHING PAIN... THEN BLACKNESS...
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HOW LONG I LAY THERE... I DON'T KNOW, BUT...
WHAT... NIKOLOS! DID YOU HIT ME?!
GOD NO, WOMAN! I JUST FOUND YOU!
IT'S A GOOD THING TOO. THE TIDE IS COMING IN. YOU WOULD HAVE DROWNED!
HOW TERRIBLE THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN...YOU'RE SO...BEAUTIFUL!
FORGIVE ME, TRACY. I SHOULDN'T HAVE DONE THAT.
JUST LIKE A MAN NOT TO UNDERSTAND! I LOVED IT!
I DON'T WANT YOU TO COME HERE AGAIN. TOO MANY PEOPLE HAVE DIED!
WHAT ON EARTH ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
UNBELIEVING, I LISTENED AS HE TOLD ME OF THE COVE'S BLOODY HISTORY...
IT WAS NEAR HERE THAT THE FISHING FLEET WAS DESTROYED— LEAVING NO SURVIVORS!
IN THE LAST TWO YEARS, THOSE WHO COME HERE ALONE ARE NEVER HEARD OF AGAIN, OR ARE FOUND... DEAD!
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BUT WHAT'S CAUSING THESE THINGS, NIKOLOS? WHO HIT ME?!

I DON'T KNOW, TRACY! ONLY A MONTH AGO, MY OWN UNCLE DIED ON THOSE REEFS OUT THERE, AND IT *WASN'T* AN ACCIDENT. HE WAS TOO GOOD A SAILOR!

THE FISHERMEN SWEAR IT WAS THE SIREN OF MYSINOS, BUT I HAVE MY *OWN* SUSPICIONS!

I DECIDED NOT TO TELL MRS. PENNYWORTH ANYTHING. SHE WAS SUCH A SWEET OLD THING, I DIDN'T WANT TO WORRY HER...

THAT'S A LOVELY BROOCH, MRS. PENNYWORTH!

YES, DEAR—IT'S MY FAMILY CREST—THE ONLY THING I HAVE LEFT OF MY FORTUNE.

WILL YOU BE EATING DINNER WITH US, MY DEAR?

I WANT TO TAKE HER TO THE TAVERNA FOR DINNER!

THAT'S VERY SWEET OF YOU, NIKOLOS!

I'LL GET CHANGED. THANK HEAVENS, YOU RESCUED MY LUGGAGE!

THAT NIGHT THE HORROR OF THE AFTERNOON FADED, AND I BEGAN TO ENJOY THE EVENING...

OH, LET'S SIT OUT HERE, NIKOLOS!

IF YOU WANT TO WATCH THE MEN DANCE, WE MUST GO INSIDE!

OH, LOOK AT THEM! THEY'RE SO HAPPY!

A FISHERMAN'S LIFE IS NOT EASY! THEY WORK HARD, ALL DAY... AT NIGHT, THEY PLAY HARD— WITH DANCING AND DRINKING!

WHAT A CREEPY-LOOKING MAN, NIKOLOS! IS HE COMING TO SEE YOU?!
YOU SHOULDN'T JUDGE A MAN BY HIS APPEARANCE, TRACY!
I WANT TO TALK TO YOU, NOW, ALONE!
ALL RIGHT, GEORGE!
HE LOOKS LIKE A GANGSTER!
IT'S ALL SET! TONIGHT AT TEN, WE SAIL FOR THE GROTTO..
QUIET! SHE'LL HEAR YOU!
WHAT'S GOING ON BETWEEN THEM?!
AND WHEN NIKOLOS CAME BACK...
WE HAVE TO LEAVE RIGHT NOW, TRACY! SOMETHING --ER, IMPORTANT HAS COME UP!
ALL RIGHT, NIKOLOS!
WHAT'S WRONG? HE'S ALMOST A DIFFERENT MAN!
BY THE TIME WE GOT BACK TO THE INN, NIKOLOS WAS ALMOST A STRANGER...
I CAN'T EXPLAIN, NOW, BUT STAY INSIDE WITH MRS. PENNYWORTH UNTIL I RETURN!
BUT WHY?
DON'T ASK QUESTIONS- JUST STAY WITH HER!
NEITHER OF YOU GOES ANYWHERE ALONE! IT COULD BE DANGEROUS!
WAIT! NIKOLOS!
OH, IT'S NO USE!
NIKOLOS' STRANGE BEHAVIOR TOLD ME I WAS FALLING IN LOVE WITH A MAN I KNEW NOTHING ABOUT! INSIDE...
YOU'RE HOME EARLY, MY DEAR. WILL YOU TAKE TEA WITH ME?
YES, THAT WOULD BE LOVELY!
MAYBE I CAN FIND OUT ABOUT NIKOLOS FROM HER!
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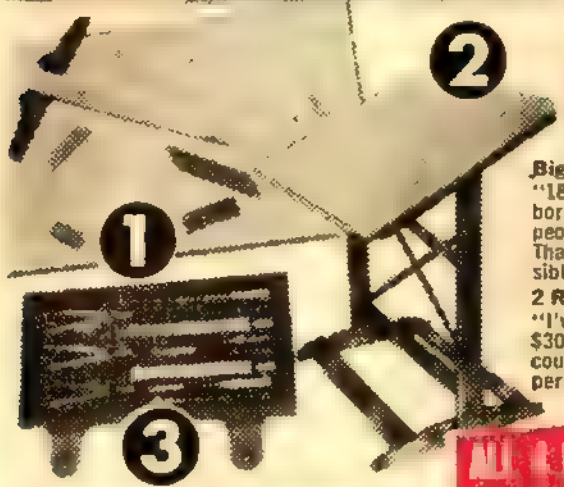

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MRS. PENNYWORTH, YOU KNOW NIKOLOS. IS HE SOMEONE TO TRUST?
I MEAN, I REALLY LIKE HIM, BUT HE'S INVOLVED WITH SOME ROUGH MEN!
WHY WOULD HE SAIL TO THE GROTTO WITH THEM— IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT?
THE GROTTO? THAT IS ODD!
BUT NIKOLOS IS A FINE BOY.. IT'S JUST THAT HE'S -- GREEK. THEY'RE A STRANGE LOT, YOU KNOW.
MY DEAR DEAD HUSBAND UNDERSTOOD THEM! (SIGH!) FAR MORE THAN I!
HE WAS A VERY HANDSOME MAN!
IT BROKE HIS HEART WHEN THE GREEK GOVERNMENT TOOK HIS FISHING FLEET!
THOSE WERE TERRIBLE DAYS... OH YES! POOR CHARLES... HE DIED OF GRIEF...
SHE'S LOST IN HER MEMORIES...
GOOD NIGHT. I'LL SEE YOU IN THE MORNING, DEAR!
I PROMISED NIKOLOS I'D STAY WITH HER. BUT I DON'T CARE!
I MUST FIND OUT WHAT HE'S UP TO—I MUST!
I KNEW IT WAS CRAZY, PLAYING SLEUTH IN THE MYSTERIOUS BLACKNESS OF THE GREEK NIGHT, BUT I FELT DRAWN ONWARD...
IF I CAN JUST GET TO THE DOCK IN TIME... THEY SAID SOMETHING ABOUT LEAVING AT TEN!
I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO TRUST NIKOLOS AGAIN IF I DON'T LEARN THE TRUTH ABOUT HIM!

I RAN BLINDLY THROUGH THE NIGHT, TRYING TO REACH THE PIER IN TIME...

A STORM IS COMING UP, NIKOLOS!

IT IS GOOD FOR OUR PURPOSE! WHAT LIES AHEAD IS BEST DONE IN FOUL WEATHER...

I'VE GOT TO GET ABOARD SOMEHOW!

NOW I HAVE TO FIND A PLACE TO HIDE!

THAT ANCHOR ROPE!

WHAT IS THE MEANING OF ALL THIS SECRECY? WHAT IN HEAVEN'S NAME ARE THEY UP TO?

THE BOAT CHUGGED TO LIFE, AND SOON WE WERE FAR OUT ON THE ANGRY SEA. SUDDENLY, LOOMING OVER ME—NIKOLOS!

WHAT'S THAT IN THERE...YOU!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

NIKOLOS!

YOU'RE HURTING ME!

I TOLD YOU TO STAY WITH MRS. PENNYWORTH! I...

LOOK!

THERE ON THE FEARSOME GREEK SHORE STOOD A GHOSTLY FIGURE. I FELT AN ICY CHILL AS I SAW WHAT COULD ONLY BE...

...THE SIREN OF MYSINOS!!

WE'VE GOT TO TURN, NIKOLOS ...THE LIGHT...
NOT THAT WAY! SHE'S TRYING TO LURE US ONTO THE ROCKS!
MY GOD! WE'LL CRASH ON THE REEF... JUST LIKE ALL THE OTHERS!
HOLD FAST! I'M GOING TO BEACH THE BOAT!
EVERYBODY DOWN!
THERE WAS A HORRIBLE TEARING SOUND, AS WE RAN AGROUND...
CRAACK!
TRACY, TRACY DARLING! ARE YOU HURT?!
I-I DON'T THINK SO...
HE CALLED ME DARLING!
FOR A MOMENT, HE SEEMED GENTLE AGAIN, AS HE HELPED ME DOWN...
TRACY, I CAN'T TALK NOW...
HURRY, MEN — TO THE RIDGE!
OH, GOD, NIKOLOS! TELL ME WHAT'S GOING ON!
THE EERIE LIGHT OF THE LANTERN PIERCED THE NIGHT, AND SUDDENLY...
...THE GHASTLY FACE OF... A MAD-WOMAN!
IT'S— MRS. PENNYWORTH!
QUICK— AFTER HER!
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THERE SHE GOES— INTO THE GROTTO! CAREFUL, NOW!
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT--- THAT SWEET OLD LADY ...WE'RE RUNNING HER TO GROUND... LIKE A FOX BEFORE HOUNDS! HOW AWFUL!
INSIDE THE GROTTO, A STRANGE BLUISH GLOW BLINDED US MOMENTARILY. THEN, THROUGH THE MIST...
OH, CHARLES, CHARLES! THEY'RE COMING HERE! I'M AFRAID, MY DEAREST!
THERE, IN THE GROTTO, WAS THE MUMMIFIED FIGURE OF A MAN, PERFECTLY PRESERVED BY THE LIME THAT HAD BEEN OOZING THROUGH THE WALLS FOR CENTURIES...
CHARLES, I WON'T LET THEM GET YOU. I'VE KEPT THEM AWAY ALL THESE YEARS WITH THE LIGHTS!
THOSE TERRIBLE GREEKS! THEY TOOK EVERYTHING FROM YOU, CHARLES! YOU SHOT YOURSELF— I'LL MAKE THEM PAY FOR THAT, SWEET BOY!
NOW, MRS. PENNYWORTH, IT'S TIME TO GO!
TAKE ME AWAY, NIKOLOS!

THE NIGHT OF MADNESS WAS OVER, BUT I WAS STILL PLAGUED WITH QUESTIONS...
OH, NIKOLOS, WHY...?
I OWE YOU AN EXPLANATION, TRACY...
WHEN MY UNCLE DIED, I KNEW IT WAS NO ACCIDENT!
THOSE DEATHS EVERY YEAR HAD TO BE STOPPED. I SUSPECTED MRS PENNYWORTH!
I DELIBERATELY LET YOU OVERHEAR US AT THE TAVERNA, TRACY. I KNEW YOU'D MENTION IT TO HER...
I DIDN'T WANT YOU IN ANY DANGER—BUT WE NEEDED SOMEONE WATCHING HER!
BUT WHY IN GOD'S NAME ARE YOU INVOLVED WITH GANGSTERS?
GANGSTERS? THE MAN IN WHITE IS CHIEF INSPECTOR IN ATHENS, YOU SILLY, ADORABLE CREATURE!
YOU ALMOST KEPT ME FROM FINDING THE SIREN OF MYGINOS!
FALLING IN LOVE WITH YOU HAS BEEN THE MOST FRUSTRATING —AND DELICIOUS EXPERIENCE OF MY LIFE! TRACY...
I'D COME TO GREECE FOR A VACATION, AND FOUND INSTEAD --- ROMANCE!
TRY TO FALL IN LOVE WITH ME, TRACY...
OH, NIKOLOS!
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To the readers:

We hope you all enjoyed the first issue of THE DARK MANSION OF FORBIDDEN LOVE. Your letters have been very encouraging, and we are eager to hear your suggestions. What kind of story would *you* like to see? How do you feel about length, setting, plot? Do you prefer costume dramas or modern stories?

Write us, if you get a chance, and be sure to tell us how old you are. We hope you'll catch our next issue, which features a wonderfully ghoulish tale set in a European castle haunted by vampires!

The Editor

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Dear Editor:

Although I don't ordinarily read comic books, my daughter Ellen insisted that I at least glance at her copy of "The Mystery of the Missing Bride"—and I was astounded. I never dreamed that any comic story could be so intelligently written or illustrated with such imagination! Even the characters' names —Sebastian, Emily, Bettina and Francesca embody the great Gothic tradition.

Who wrote this terrific story?

I wish the writer had been given credit, as he or she did a wonderful job of tying up the many loose ends of the Gothic mystery plot. The entire 36 pages were tingling with suspense.

Again, I am *not* a reader of comic books—I repeat—NOT—but I look forward to the next issue of "The Dark Mansion of Forbidden Love." Congratulations!

Carmen Menges
New York

Dear Carmen:

Thank you for your enthusiastic letter. We're always glad to reach an ever wider audience. Your comment about the writer not getting credit is understandable. But as it happens, she is an Englishwoman who, for reasons of her own, wanted to remain anonymous.

The Editor

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Dear Editor:

Recently I had a very strange experience, and I hope you can help me figure out if it was just coincidence—or ESP.

What happened was, about a month ago, I had an invitation to go out on a deep-sea fishing trip with two friends of mine. We were all going to leave on a Saturday morning. Friday night, I had a dream that my friends, my father and I were in the boat, fishing.

Suddenly, my father hooked a big marlin fish. We all tried to help him hold on to the fishing rod, but even with our help, it was no use. The fish pulled so hard that my father lost his footing.

We took turns trying to hold my father on board the ship, but it was no use. The fish gave one mighty tug and pulled my father overboard and he was swept up by a giant tidal wave and disappeared.

I was all broken up, and woke up in a cold sweat.

Now here is the strange part: I went fishing with my friends on Saturday, and when I got back to the house, there was a message to call my mother back home. I did, and she told me my father had had a heart attack the night before and to come home at once! Of course I went home. I found him near death. I'm happy to say he has now recovered, but I can't help feeling that this dream—which I had never had before—was some strange, deep connection between my father and me. What do *you* think?

Leslie F.
Cleveland, O..

Our experience with ESP (extrasensory perception) tells us that this is not an unusual occurrence. The Society for Psychical Research has documented many instances similar to this, which can be explained in no way other than that of some extra-sensory experience over which a person has no conscious control.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Have *you* had some unusual experience that you feel can be explained only by ESP or mental telepathy, or some involuntary communication with someone alive or dead? If you have, write us, and we'll try to print the most interesting letters we receive.

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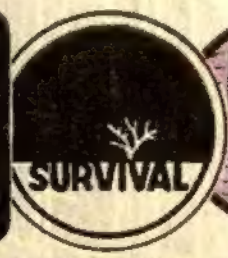

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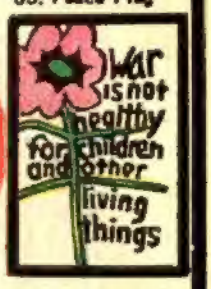

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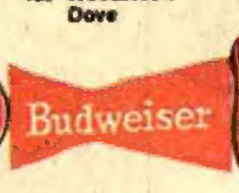

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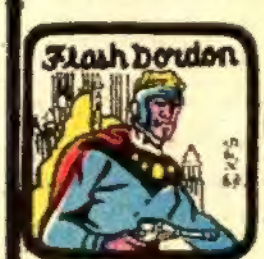

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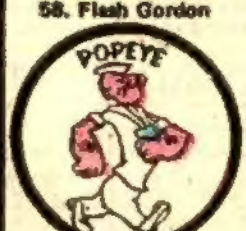

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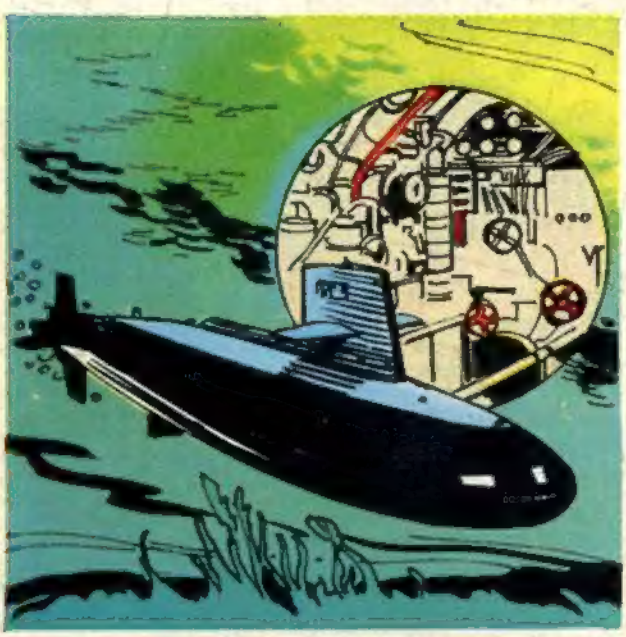

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